



# DOC NewsLine

December 2004



## Happy Holidays



### United Way

The 2004 Capital Area United Way Fundraiser has come to an end. Headquarters, Prison Enterprises and area institutions all did a great job in supporting local non-profit organizations that serve our community throughout the year.

Headquarters activities included pledge cards, a sponge toss, a pumpkin-decorating contest, silent and live auctions, a bake sale and the traditional shopping fair. More than **\$16,880** was collected from those events and that total could have gone higher had the Committee decided to auction off more precious parking spaces at Headquarters!



Sponge Toss, featuring Whalen Gibbs as the bulls-eye.

Thanks and congratulations also go out to area institutions:

Elayn Hunt Correctional Center had an impressive campaign and raised **\$50,231**. Along with the generous donations of staff members, EHCC auctioned off LSU and SU autographed footballs.

LCIW employees contributed more than **\$11,300** in its campaign.

LSP has raised **\$13,000** during its United Way Campaign for 2004 and efforts are still ongoing.

DCI ended its campaign with a contribution of **\$23,851**.

This is a busy time of year. It is also one where money can be difficult to come by for many. Thanks to all who made contributions, small and large, monetary or otherwise. Individual time and talents are just as appreciated and we recognize the hard work that goes into planning many of the fundraising events.



Headquarters' Pumpkin Decorating Contest:  
1<sup>st</sup> Place for the Boss/Co-worker  
category, pumpkin of Terry Clair created  
by Glynn Stassi. Vicki Estess is  
featured holding the pumpkin.

## Hats Off To The New Graduates

**T**he communities of Louisiana just became a little safer as 20 new Probation and Parole agents have joined our ranks.

The graduation and swearing-in ceremony was held on Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.



DPS&C Probation and Parole Academy #15

After, several weeks of training, the agents completed the Department's P. O. S. T. (Peace Officers Standards and Training) Academy. Along with the Academy's curriculum, the officers were also instructed on issues that related directly to Probation and Parole.

These new agents have been assigned to districts throughout the state to serve the community and supervise offenders.

Join us in congratulating them. We're quite sure their supervisors welcomed them with an appropriate caseload!

### *Baton Rouge District*

Keith Bennett  
Robert "Keith" Sibille  
Kerri Smith

### *Jefferson District*

Christopher Boutte  
Warren Perret

### *Leesville District*

Mark Cormier

### *Shreveport District*

Dannie Davis  
Jason Hodges  
Cathy Lewis  
William "Wade" Patrick  
Gary "Dan" Spangler

### *Monroe District*

Brian Hinson  
James "Matt" Hinson  
Aaron Phillips

### *Amite District*

Ryan Jenkins

### *Thibodaux District*

LeMichael "Lee" Munson  
Mandie Waguespack



*New Orleans District*  
Patrick O'Brien (NO-East)  
Juliette Villaronga (NO-East)

*Natchitoches District*  
Tiffany Slayter

## **Dabadie                      Helos** **Southern                  Hurricane** **Victims**

-Submitted by Dep. Warden Sandy McCain

## **Poverty Summit**

Louisiana's highest in the nation poverty rate (according to the U.S. Census Bureau) has caught the attention of Governor Kathleen Blanco's administration. The Governor's Solutions to Poverty Summit held December 6th - 7th in Monroe grew out of smaller parish-wide meetings that were held in late October and November, largely with the help of many Probation and Parole supervisors and agents.

Secretary Stalder, Deputy Secretary Jannitta Antoine, P&P Restorative Justice Coordinator Katherine Spears and Region IV Regional Administrator Susan Lindsey coordinated the Department's efforts in working with other state agencies to host the "Community Conversations on Poverty". It would be impossible to name everyone associated with this effort, but it is safe to say that Corrections Services, particularly Probation and Parole, made a major contribution to the success of the local meetings as well as the statewide event. Congratulations on your efforts because we all know that many of the issues brought up in these dialogues are the same issues that we face in Corrections.

**Starting in February, we will begin issuing the DOC Newsline each month, so keep those contributions coming!**

On November 19, 2004, JLDCC staff members enjoyed a delicious barbeque chicken dinner while raising money for the ASCA Hurricane Relief Disaster Fund.

The entire staff combined efforts to make the event a success. Some sold tickets while others gathered supplies or worked in the kitchen.

In the end, 584 tickets were sold and **\$2,026.21** was donated to the cause. This money will support correctional staff members in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana who suffered from the destructive hurricane season.

Kudos go out to the staff for a job well done and to the chefs for a yummy meal!

## **Plane Pull**

-Submitted by Angela Whittaker. DCI

In the beginning of November, the Special Olympics hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Louisiana Law Enforcement Plane Pull at the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport.

Each year, this special event challenges teams of 20 competitors and 2 team managers to pull a plane 15 feet. The team with the fastest time wins 1<sup>st</sup> Place. But here is the catch: the team must pull **The New Orleans Hornets** airplane which is a 150,000 lb. 727 jet!

Still, that was no match for our own Louisiana Association of Warden's Plane Pull Team. Not only did they capture 1<sup>st</sup> Place, they also won the rights to a "sweet" suite for the Hornets vs. Minnesota game on

November 20, 2004, recognition during half-time and a trophy.

Congratulations to the team, which was comprised of members from EHCC, LSP, DCI, PCC, FWCC, AVC, WCI and JLDCC.



Louisiana Association of Warden's Plane Pull Team

Team members included: Demitrius Willis, Henry Holden, Wade Lamotte and Kevin Durbin from EHCC; Ricky Warren and Shane Ladner from WCI; Gary Franks and Joseph Hooker from LSP; John Packett and Brandon Kirby from FWCC; Brent Thompson, Robert Fleming, Brandon Fruge and Thomas Hepinstall from PCC; Anthony Miller and Russell Sanders from DCI; Michael Rabalais and Bo Milligan from AVC; and Walt Young and David Thompson from JLDCC.

Team Captains were Leon Lanoux from EHCC and Richard Ducote from LSP.

For more information on this event, please log onto [www.laso.org](http://www.laso.org). Special Olympics would be happy to see more teams participate next year.

## ACA Certifications Earned at DWCC and FWCC

- Info submitted by Warden Michael

Assistant Warden Anthony Batson of Forcht Wade Correctional Center and Lt. Morris Hickman of David Wade Correctional Center are in the DOC Newsline spotlight for obtaining recent certifications from the American Correctional Association.

Assistant Warden Batson is now a Certified Correctional Executive and Lt. Hickman has earned the distinction of Certified Corrections Supervisor.

Warden Michael commended Assistant Warden Batson for being "an exceptional asset to Forcht Wade Correctional Center".

Lt. Hickman was singled out for his impressive exam score as well as being one of only five people in the nation awarded a dual designation as both a Certified Correctional Supervisor and Certified Correctional Officer.

## DOC VAC Training Exchange

-Submitted by Jean Wall

**A** lot to teach. A lot to learn.

CORE has enhanced collaboration between the department and community groups and organizations throughout the state. The department's victim service activities also depend on collaborative interaction with other justice system agencies and representatives of victim advocacy and support groups. The latter was evident during the DOC-VAC Training Exchange, held October 7-8, at the Louisiana State Penitentiary.

Replicating a plan they developed four years ago, representatives from the department and the Louisiana District Attorneys' Association put together a two-day workshop intended to allow representatives of both systems to exchange mutually helpful information about resources, services, and ways of interacting helpfully with crime victims and their survivors. Representatives of victim support groups were also involved as presenters and participants.

During the workshop, a victim assistance coordinator from Northeast Louisiana told a story of the ordinary start to



an ordinary day on which she received news that her son had been murdered and of her journey since. Also, Bob Wirtz from the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement talked about assistance available to victims of violent crime through the Crime Victims Reparations fund. And, before adjourning to a jambalaya reception hosted by the District Attorney of the 18<sup>th</sup> JD and Louisiana State Penitentiary, participants heard from the Honorable Ronald Cox and the Honorable Diana "Dee" Simon, who talked about the role of the Pardon and Parole Boards respectively and some of their operating assumptions.

On Friday morning, participants leaned forward in their chairs as Probation and Parole's Katherine Spears challenged her audience to "get rid of the Johnson Grass!" Afterwards, breathing grew quieter and deeper as they watched and listened to the presentation on Domestic Violence by Lt. Karla Naquin of the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office. At the end, a number of participants lingered after Friday lunch to tour Angola and shop for inmate hobby craft.

Other DOC presenters were Cathy Fontenot, Gerald Starks, Henry Goines, Lillie Brown, and Jean Wall. More than a hundred people participated in the two-day event. According to most participants, they would sign up to do it again.

## Operation Trick or Treat

In an effort to rid Webster Parish of illegal drugs and outstanding warrants, several state, local and federal agencies combined forces to combat crime on October 28, 2004.

Among the law enforcement agencies participating, Agent Mike Ware represented Probation and Parole. Agent Ware assisted in several arrests and raids.

After eleven hours of grueling raids, the task force made 23 arrests and 4 of those arrests were people under the supervision of Probation and Parole. The charges ranged from possession of marijuana to the distribution of hydrocodone.

## Quotable

**"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."  
- Mother Teresa**

## Expressed Appreciation

Education is key to bringing the public up to speed on what Corrections does to improve public safety and to reintegrate offenders into the community. An appreciative person left her comments on the DOC website and we thought we would share it with employees.

The 23 year-old woman had nothing but nice words for the educational programs at WCI as well as the staff's polite and friendly attitudes.

While visiting a longtime friend who was incarcerated, she experienced first hand the kindness of WCI employees. She also recognized and appreciated the opportunity her friend was given to improve his level of education. So far, her friend has earned his GED while being in prison.

She spoke about the educational programs and opportunities with these words: "I think that it is a wonderful thing and I am sure that a lot of people appreciate it but just don't take the time to let y'all know."

While these kind words were directed at WCI's staff, the same could be said for all of our institutions.

## New CAL VP

- Info submitted by Rita Thomas

Let's congratulate newly-elected Vice-President of the Clerical Association of Louisiana (CAL), Rita Thomas, who is the Executive Secretary for Legal Services at Headquarters.

CAL is a professional organization for Louisiana Civil Service Clerical personnel working to upgrade and promote educational opportunities for Civil Service clerical personnel and dedicated to bringing its goals to the attention of state lawmakers and the Governor.

Thomas served as delegate for Region 2 prior to being elected to her current post. Congratulations to Rita.

## FWCC Participates in Week Without Violence

- Info Submitted by Asst. Warden Anthony Batson, FWCC

Forcht Wade Correctional Center Staff and inmates participated in the 10<sup>th</sup> annual "Week Without Violence" program in Shreveport on October 21<sup>st</sup>. This event was part of a nationwide effort in which various agencies and individuals came together to inform

communities of the ever-growing concern of violence in our society. The Shreveport event was sponsored by the local YWCA chapter, with participants ranging from law enforcement to faith-based groups.



A "Facing Violence Among Men" Solidarity March was held starting at the Caddo Parish Courthouse and ending at the First United Methodist Church in Shreveport with a brief service consisting of testimony, remembrance and prayer.

FWCC inmates Randy Young and John Skipworth spoke to the participants on the detrimental effects violence had on their lives and Asst. Warden Anthony Batson spoke on the need to continue the alliances formed within the community in order to put an end to the systematic and senseless violent crimes so many of our communities face.

Community collaboration is the key.

## Quotable

"Those who dare to fail miserably can achieve greatly."

Robert F. Kennedy

## Faith and Character Based Dormitory Programs

-Submitted by Asst. Warden Janet Lorena

**D**ixon Correctional Institute under the leadership of Warden James LeBlanc announced the opening of a 207 bed Faith and Character Based Dormitory program on November 1, 2004. The Faith and Character Based Dormitory (FCBD) Program is offered to inmates to facilitate institutional adjustment, rehabilitation, reintegration into the community, reduction of recidivism, and offers a full range of religious accommodations. Participation by the inmate is voluntary and the opportunity to participate is available to all eligible inmates.

FCBD refers to dormitories designated to emphasize the importance of personal responsibility, meaningful work, education, substance abuse treatment, and peer support. Eligible inmates must meet the following criterion:

- ✓ Inmates should be within thirty-six months of release.
- ✓ Inmates must have received no serious disciplinary reports during the 90 days prior to screening.
- ✓ Inmates must be minimum or medium custody level.

Other contributing factors include, but are not limited to, medical level of care, length of sentence, etc. An inmate's religious faith is not considered in determining eligibility for admission to the FCBD program, but there are program considerations for all faith groups as well as for those who claim no particular faith.

The FCBD program will offer mentoring by citizen volunteers to each inmate weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly and will last from one to two hours. The purpose of the mentoring is for each inmate to have a positive influence in

his life and to have a positive contact to assist the inmates upon release. Another primary strength of the FCBD program is its focus on intensive programming designed to facilitate personal growth. Three categories of offerings – Religious Studies, Life-Skills and Mentoring—are available each night, Monday through Thursday, for two hours each night. Religious studies classes include offerings such as Biblical Leadership, Old Testament Survey, Advanced Islamic Studies and MasterLife (a strong biblical discipleship program). Life-Skills classes include Communications, Interpersonal Relationships, the Spirit of Freedom (a faith-based substance abuse group) and Making Peace With Your Past. On Saturday mornings, FCBD inmates will have the opportunity to attend seminars and classes taught by volunteers and staff.

Institutional, academic and vocational programs will continue to be available to inmates participating in the FCBD programs. These FCBD inmates are required to perform work and other assignments as they would if they were living in general population. In addition, they will be encouraged to participate in other institutional programs (i.e., Parenting, Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, etc.) and they will have the opportunity to continue participation in inmate organizations (Vets Incarcerated, Jaycees, Toastmasters, etc.), to serve as peer tutors, and to participate in recreational activities.

To assist in program evaluation and to encourage inmate participation, a point system measuring the inmate's attitude, personal initiative, program attendance and cooperation has been developed.

The Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, joins Texas and Florida in this innovative programming.

LCIW will start a similar program for 75 of its female offenders in January. We'll keep you posted on its opening.

## P and P Cold Case



Info submitted by Genie Powers  
and from a Josh Noel article in the Advocate

**L**ike the TV show, Cold Case, which investigates stale, unresolved criminal cases, P&P played a key role in the new developments of a two-year old murder case.

In June 2002, Damion Beauchamp was murdered. Even though the police had fingerprints from the crime scene, they were unable to match them to a suspect.

Recently, the police reviewed the case and resubmitted the fingerprints against the Automated Fingerprint Identification System Database (Noel, Advocate). Unexpectedly, a match was found to one set of the prints, James Joseph Ayo III.

In September 2004, Ayo had been arrested on unrelated charges. As procedure instructs, Ericka Thomas of Baton Rouge District Probation and Parole took Ayo's fingerprints. Because of these clear prints, the police were able to put Ayo at the scene of the crime.

It's basic police work but it may just be the key to getting a conviction.

## Trick or Treating with Headstart

-Submitted by Angela Whittaker



**T**he staff of EHCC continues to support the "Reading for Excellence" program through monthly visits to the East Iberville Headstart Program. Staff volunteers make their way to the facility each month to read stories to the

40 children enrolled and remind them how much fun reading can be.

The October visits are a little different though. Each year in October the children take a field trip to local businesses where they are allowed to trick-or-treat in their Halloween costumes. For the past several years, EHCC has been one of the stops along their route. During their visits at EHCC, they are "treated" to Halloween stories read by staff as well as special treat bags provided by the EHCC Activity Committee. This year's bags were hand painted with jack-o-lanterns by the inmate volunteers.

Once story time is complete the costumed children are lead through the administration areas to trick-or-treat. Staff donates candy, pencils and Halloween trinkets to share with the children as they visit their respective areas. The children are provided a snack of cookies and punch before leaving for their next two stops, the bank and post office.

This year's visit took place on October 29<sup>th</sup> and the EHCC staff brought in more candy than would fit in the children's bags!

## Not So Fast

-Submitted by Deputy Warden  
Robert Henderson

**A**n escape at a Lake Charles hospital was foiled thanks to the quick action of Master Sergeant Charlie Thompson of Phelps Correctional Center.

Master Sergeant Thompson was supervising a PCC Cleanup Crew at the W.O. Moss Hospital when an inmate from Calcasieu Parish Prison fled from the supervising sheriff's deputy. As Thompson realized the events unfolding before his eyes, he assisted in preventing the escape and taking the inmate into custody.

Calcasieu Parish Sheriff Assistant Warden Scott Nugent showed his appreciation for Master Sergeant Thompson's actions in a



letter of commendation and we thought it appropriate to recognize his efforts in the newsletter.

## Congratulations Katherine

-Submitted by Judy Martin

Congratulations goes out to Probation and Parole employee, Katherine Spears who received the CPM of the Year Award at the annual Louisiana Society of Certified Public Managers conference on November 4, 2004. The Society confers this award annually on one of its members who has made significant contributions in the field of public management.



Katherine Spears

Katherine, the Division's Restorative Justice Coordinator for north Louisiana, was recognized for her Restorative Justice program and her work with CORE, the department's offender Re-entry initiative. Several years ago, Katherine initiated a series of community meetings in small towns across North Louisiana, inviting participants to join in identifying community needs and considering

barriers to successful offender re-entry. Her vision was to create positive, result-driven interaction among community groups and organizations while encouraging them to explore an important truth: criminal offenders come from a community; most will return to that same community when released from prison; we need to have a plan. Katherine's early involvements continue and have been woven into the CORE initiative, which also emphasizes offender accountability and supported re-entry.

Other distinguished managers honored at the 2004 LSCPM conference were Tom Patterson, Deputy Undersecretary of DEQ (Presidential Citation), Fran Williams, State Civil Service (Supervisor of the Year), and Allen Reynolds, Director of State Civil Service (Special Recognition Award).

## Veterans Affairs Training and Education Program

-Submitted by Ashley Gautreaux

The Department is currently applying to participate in the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs Education and Training program that will provide additional compensation to all qualifying veterans who are in training as a Corrections Cadet or Probation and Parole Officer I. The Department is required to provide job description samples, training agendas and objectives to demonstrate the extent of the training and the salary progression of employees who are participating in the program. Once approved, the Department will provide all newly hired veterans with verification of our approved program and the necessary forms they will submit to the VA. We appreciate the staff at David Wade Correctional Center for bringing this program to our attention. We hope that

this program not only improves our recruiting and retention efforts with our former service men and women, but that it also provides an additional benefit to those who have already sacrificed so much for our country.

## Coat Drive

-Submitted by Burt Michot



**J** Levy Dabadie Correctional Center held a Coat/Warm Clothing Drive during the month of October 2004.

The goal was to collect coats and warm clothing to aid the homeless in Central Louisiana. As an incentive, Warden Thompson offered \$50.00 to the employee who brought in the most coats and/or sweaters. Sgt. John Riddle rose to this challenge and won the prize. By the end of the event, JLDCC collected 65 coats and sweaters and over 200 miscellaneous items. The clothing was brought to the Volunteers of America and was distributed to the homeless and poor on October 27, 2004 at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Cenla Coalition to Prevent Homelessness.

## Monroe P and P is Changing Lives

- Submitted by Pearl Wise, P & P Officer

**O**N Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, the Monroe P & P District Food Bank hosted its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Clothes Giveaway. This year was bigger and better than ever. Clothes were donated from many sources and several people dropped off their donations the day of the

event. Clothes were quickly replenished as the racks became empty.

The clothes giveaway sprang from the notion of “changed lives” needed a “change of clothes”. Individuals being released from institutions and substance abuse centers need a fresh start. The goal is to help with a new wardrobe suitable for job hunting, job maintenance and other lifestyle changes. One “shopper” commented that she participated last year and was back again this year because of the great selections.

The generous MOD staff provided hot dogs, donuts and beverages during the giveaway. Leftover clothing was donated to local non-profit agencies. The MOD food bank is marking its sixth year of service and maintains a year-round food pantry of canned goods and other items. Special thanks to District Administrator Arlena Zeigler and committee members Torchia Duhon, Freda Hoston and Casey Stevens.





## Care Packages for Employee Soldiers

It is a most challenging time for approximately 33 of our fellow employees who are serving in the National Guard or military reserves and who are currently stationed in Iraq, Afghanistan or elsewhere in support of the war on terror.

We didn't want them or their families to go through the holidays without the entire Department's warmest wishes and deepest appreciation for their sacrifices.

In a sincere gesture of thanks, the Department solicited donations to send to those who are serving overseas. Assistant Secretary Antoine and her truly dedicated committee spent days collecting and hours assembling individual care packages to send to each soldier. Items consisted of Christmas cards, non-perishable food items (lots of Pringles potato chips), toothbrushes, insect repellent, seasonings and hot sauces, lip balm and copies of recent newsletters and magazines just to name some items.



Volunteers help sort out items donated by employees.



The finished product: Volunteers prepared care packages that were shipped out from Headquarters on December 7<sup>th</sup> with hopes of reaching our employees before Christmas day.

## Working Together to Prevent Juvenile Crime

The first Law Enforcement and Youth Partnerships for Crime Prevention Conference was held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Our department was lucky enough to have two members invited to this innovative conference. Angela Blanchard and Judy Wester of Probation and Parole were selected by their local Boys and Girls Club to participate. Their involvement and commitment to both the local Boys and Girls Club and Probation and Parole made them essential representatives from their districts.

The conference focused on the collaboration of both law enforcement agencies and the Boys and Girls Club to prevent crime in the lives of our youth. The conference presented various ideas and methods to obtaining this goal in the community. Through the Boys and Girls Club and its activities, children can be protected

from the life of crime and redirected to a life of educational and other opportunities.

Thanks to Angela and Judy for their participation and the Department looks forward to any new initiatives that will help reduce crime in our communities.

## Take That

--Info submitted by Genie Powers

**T**he force was with BRD Probation and Parole agent Missy Young as she showed off her takedown skills when a BRPD officer found himself in trouble.

On October 13, 2004, Missy was traveling home from court with a new agent. As they were approaching the library on Goodwood Blvd., the new agent spotted a police car on the side of the road. The agent also noticed that the police officer was having difficulty controlling the suspect. Without a second thought, Missy pulled up by the police car, told the new agent to stay in the car and went to the aid of the police officer.

Since she was dressed in business attire, she was not carrying her baton. But she quickly thought of another way to restrain the suspect. After five blows to the suspect's common peroneal with her knee, he finally fell to the ground where he was properly and safely restrained.

The suspect was apprehended because he was hanging around the library and harassing patrons, but he also turned out to be on of our warrant cases. Thanks to Missy, the suspect was arrested without any harm to the police officer.



## Employee Recognition



The following employees have been recognized by their facilities for their outstanding work and dedication. Congratulations and thank you!

### DCI – September

Officer of the Month: **M/Sgt. Antonio Miller**

### DWCC – September

Officer of the Month: **M/Sgt. Paul Guillot**

### DWCC – October

Officer of the Month: **Sgt. Bruce Solomon**

### EHCC – September

Supervisor of the Month: **Shaketha Brown**

Officer of the Month: **M/Sgt. Joesph McEnvoy**

Support Employee of the Month: **Jim Smith**

### EHCC – October

Supervisor of the Month: **Capt. Barbara Giroir**

Officer of the Month: **Sgt. Jacob Falgout**

Support Employee of the Month: **Brenda Hebert**

### EHCC – November

Supervisor of the Month: **Maj. Dwayne Spedale**

Officer of the Month: **Sgt. Brenda Morrison**

Support Employee of the Month: **Landry Bonnette**

### LSP- September

Officer of the Month: **Sgt. Frank Linton**

### WCI – September

Officer of the Month: **M/Sgt. Richard Kennedy**

### WCI – October

Officer of the Month: **Sgt. Brian Brumfield**



WNC – October

Support Employee of the Month: **Becky Dougan**

WNC – November

Support Employee of the Month: **Chris Myles**

WNC – December

Support Employee of the Month: **Bobby Kirkham**

## Employees of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

The following employees have been recognized by their facilities for their outstanding work and dedication. Congratulations and thank you!

## NoteWorthy

◆ Congratulations to **Deputy Warden Mariana Leger** from EHCC for being chosen as 1 of this year's 12 Charles E. Dunbar, Jr. Career Service Award Winners. Deputy Warden Leger has served in a number of different capacities since beginning her civil service career in 1971 with the Department of Public Welfare.

◆ The staff of Office of Adult Services along with the rest of Corrections would like to congratulate **Amanda Downing** on her upcoming graduation from Southeastern Louisiana University. Amanda has been a dedicated student worker in the OAS office since March 2001. With her degree in General Business Technology, Amanda hopes to pursue a career with Corrections.

◆ The Kisatchie Jaycees chapter at David Wade Correctional Center was recognized recently as the number one institutional chapter in the nation last year. Congratulations to members, Chapter Sponsor Kiatonyia Major and DWCC.

AVC

Supervisor of the Quarter: **Monique Gaspard**

Officer of the Quarter: **Kristy Grayson**

Support Employee of the Quarter: **Shannon Brulte**

DWCC

Supervisor of the Quarter: **Maj. Lonnie Nail**

Support Employee of the Quarter: **Debbie Cody**

LSP

Supervisor of the Quarter: **Blane Lachney**

Officer of the Quarter: **Alice Williams**

Support Employee of the Quarter: **Dave Ankenbrand**

WCI

Supervisor of the Quarter: **Oneita Pittman**

Support Employee of the Quarter: **Bobbi Jo Miley**

## Good Aim

- Submitted by DWCC Staff

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ashington Correctional Center held its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Free Fair Friday Shooting Match on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2004.

Complete results weren't submitted, but the DWCC Team comprised of Msgt. Roy Cole, Lt. Col. Danny Mills and Major John Stephenson won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the team competition.



Standing from left are Sgt. Pam Gildon and Master Sgt. Roy Cole. Sitting from left are Major John Stephenson and Col. Danny Mills.

Lt. Col. Danny Mills won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the DOC 6" Open A Class; Sgt. Pam Gildon won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the DOC 4" Semi C Class; Master Sgt. Roy Cole placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the DOC 4" Semi B Class; and Major John Stephenson placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the DOC 6" Open A Class and 1<sup>st</sup> in the DOC 4" Semi A Class.

Congratulations to all of the winners.

REMINDER: Don't get left out next time. Be sure to send results into the Headquarters Communications Office for publication in the DOC Newslane.

## Last but not Least

The Communications Office is losing a wonderful student to graduation and the real world very soon. Many of you may have spoken to **Pam Bradley** over the last few months as she worked tirelessly to help me coordinate information for the Department.

Pam's work ethic is something I rarely see in students these days and it was very much needed and appreciated in an office of one full-time person with so much to do.

Pam helped tremendously with the newsletter and the day-to-day operations of the

office. Please wish her the best if you have a chance to speak with her before she leaves on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

She graduates from LSU with a degree in biochemistry and has worked for the Department for several years, the last six months in the Communications Office.

**Lacey Morel** is the new student who will be filling Pam's duties. Please give her your support as she works on a new format for the newsletter very soon.

Please remember that we will be distributing a monthly newsletter starting in February. We always welcome your suggestions in improving the newsletter so feel free to email your comments to

[Plaborde@corrections.state.la.us](mailto:Plaborde@corrections.state.la.us).

Have a very SAFE and Joyous Holiday Season.

